

WORLD CULTURES

July 25, 2017

Dear Parents and Student:

The following contains information about my class, specifically about grading and my expectations.

The Class

The course textbook will be *History Alive: The Medieval World and Beyond*. These books will mostly stay at home; most work will be available as a download from Jupiter or as a paper handout for students who don't bring a charged iPad to class. Some things I plan to do in class, such as making movies or creating slideshow presentations, will be difficult or impossible to do on paper. My classroom has only two computers that students can use.

In World Cultures we will study civilizations in the Americas, Africa, Europe, and Asia. The emphasis second semester is on European history from the fall of Rome through the Reformation. The main skill we will focus on will be using information and evidence from other authors without plagiarizing.

Grading

Grades on report cards reflect the student's **cumulative scholarship and citizenship grades**. That is, they will reflect work and behavior for the first six weeks, then for the first twelve weeks, and finally for the full semester.

The student's **citizenship** will be graded on:

- Classroom **behavior** and **participation**, including whether a student has done all of his/her assignments.
- Whether the student has any **referrals** to the assistant principal. Students earn an F in citizenship for the six-week term during which the referral was written. Again, the 12-week and semester grades are averages of the preceding six-week term grades.

The student's **scholarship** grade will be based on the following:

- **Summative**—the Performance Task, the Final Exam, and unit tests—65% of the total grade
- **Formative**—tests—20% of the total grade
- **Skill Building**—classwork and homework—15% of the total grade.

I do not penalize late work.

I use the following grading scale:

90% – 100% = A- to A+ 80% – 89% = B- to B+ 70% – 79% = C- to C+
60% – 69% = D- to D+ 50% – 59% = F.

(A missing assignment earns 50%, and F work earns 55 - 59%.)

There will be few or no extra credit assignments.

What Parents Can Do

Both students and parents should stay informed by checking Jupiter Grades. You can communicate with me through Jupiter. You can also call me at school at (619) 628-5100. You can call me at home before 9:00 PM at (619) 582-5907. You may also contact me through district email at **kenneth.radomskijr@sweetwaterschools.org** or through my home email at **radomski2@cox.net**. I do check my home email more frequently.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Radomski
Mar Vista Middle English Teacher

Please sign and return *only* this page to room #514 tomorrow. Keep the first page for your records. Thank you.

Yes, I have read and understood the information and policies in this letter.

Parent/guardian's signature

Student's signature

Student's name PRINTED (The student receives points for returning this page.)

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